

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
October 24, 2001

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
November 2001  
Purchased Gas Adjustment-Natural Gas**

**PU-399-01-548  
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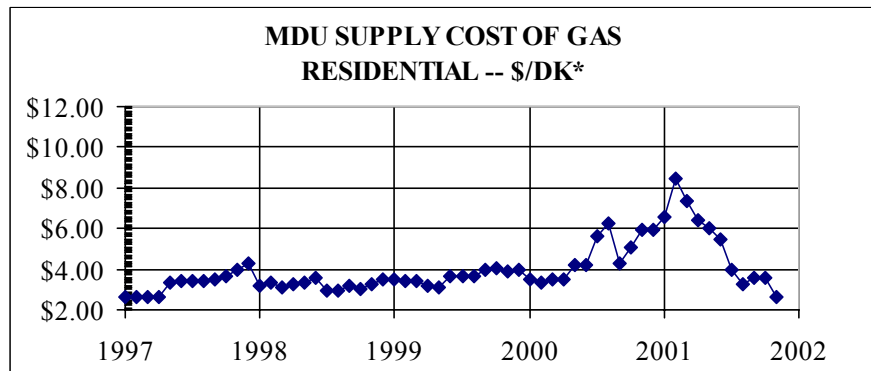
**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:**

For gas bills issued during November 2001, MDU is decreasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$.936 per dekatherm for residential and firm general service customers. This changes the current purchased gas adjustment from negative \$.133 per dk to negative \$1.069 per dk.

The supply cost of gas for November is \$2.60

The decrease for residential customers results from approximately \$1.067 per dk decrease in the commodity cost of gas and approximately \$.132 increase due to an addition of firm transportation capacity and a change in firm transportation contract demand.

The Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration reports that consumers will see significant reductions in their heating bills this heating season due to lower prices caused by less demand and high storage levels. Also, weather predictions for the coming heating season are normal so far.



This PGA change will decrease the November bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 14.1 dk by \$13.20. There were 81,879 MDU customers in North Dakota as of August 31, 2001.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the EIA's website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas  
Purchased Gas Adjustment for November 2001, Case No. PU-399-01-548.

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